

REMARKS

The application includes claims 1-32 and 35-55, of which claims 1-54 were previously presented and claim 55 is new. Claims 48- 54 are amended herewith.

The Examiner appears to have issued his restriction requirement on the claims as before the amendment by the preliminary amendment. Applicants contend that had the Examiner seen the amendments and as will be argued below, a restriction may not have been issued or may have been different.

Applicants select group I with traverse and argue that group II, claims 43-47 should also be grouped with group I. In the meantime Applicant has identified them as "withdrawn" but requests that they be examined for the reasons hereinafter. The independent claims of groups III and IV are made directly or indirectly dependent on claim 1, thereby obviating the need for separate grouping therefor. In addition, a new independent claim 55, generally generic to claims 1 and 43 and sharing a common special technical feature, is added. The dependencies of claims 51-54 were corrected to depend from claim and not from claim 34, a previously canceled claim.

Applicants respectfully submit that claims 1 and 43 share a common special technical feature, namely, that a content (e.g., a web file) is edited using three different locations/entities: a first location where the page is stored (e.g., a server); a second location which at least assists in the editing (e.g., an HTTP intermediary); and a third location where the editing is at least viewed and/or managed, without installing any special software. In exemplary embodiments covered by claim 1, an editing application is executed at the third location, but this is enabled/supported by the second location. In exemplary embodiments covered by claim 43, an editing application is executed at the second location and is viewed/used from at the third location. Applicants respectfully submit that if claims 1 and 43 share a common special and inventive technical feature, then there is unity of invention. Applicants have added new claim 55 to more explicitly state and claim the common special technical feature. Following is an indication of the feature in claims 1 and 43:

1. A method of defining customization for electronic content retrieved over an electronic connection, comprising:
 - (a) **retrieving electronic content from a remote server to a local client, through an intermediary apparatus;**
 - (b) **editing the content at the local client** by a user using a WYSIWYG editor, wherein said editor is a standard software used

for displaying of content and **wherein said editing does not require installation of software requiring user authorization;**

(c) automatically generating at least one customization definition based on said editing, said customization definition suitable for automatic applying to said content; and

(d) modifying data provided at a later time according to the at least one customization definition,

wherein the intermediary apparatus supports the editing at the local client.

43. A method of editing content, comprising:

(a) **requesting content from a first location;**

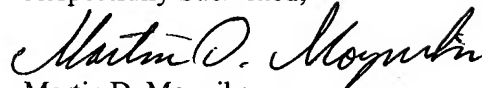
(b) **executing an editing application at a second location;**

and

(c) carrying out the **editing at a third location**, using a viewer for viewing said editing application, **without installing software** at the third location other than said viewer.

Examination of the claims is respectfully awaited.

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Further to the concurrent filing of a U.S. national stage application of PCT Application PCT/IB2004/003228, kindly amend the application as follows:

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IN THE SPECIFICATION

Kindly add the following paragraph on page 1, immediately after the title:

--RELATED APPLICATIONS

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IN THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) A method of defining customization for electronic content retrieved over an electronic connection, comprising:

(a) retrieving electronic content from a remote server to a local client, through an intermediary apparatus;

(b) editing the content at the local client by a user using a WYSIWYG editor, wherein said editor is a standard software used for displaying of content and wherein said editing does not require installation of software requiring user authorization; ~~and~~

(c) automatically generating at least one customization definition based on said editing, said customization definition suitable for automatic applying to said content; and

(d) modifying data provided at a later time according to the at least one customization definition.

wherein the intermediary apparatus supports the editing at the local client.

2. (Currently amended) A method according to claim 1, wherein said retrieving comprises retrieving uses an intermediary apparatus a tagged data file.

3. (Currently amended) A method according to claim 2, wherein said intermediary is an HTTP intermediary ~~and wherein said content is a tagged data file.~~

4. (Original) A method according to claim 3, wherein said tagged data file is in a self-describing language.

5. (Currently amended) A method according to claim ~~4~~3, wherein said language is a hyper-text mark-up language.

6. (Original) A method according to claim 3, wherein said editor comprises an internet browser.

7. (Original) A method according to claim 3, wherein automatically generating comprises detecting changes in said content caused by said editing, after said editing is preformed.
8. (Original) A method according to claim 7, wherein detecting changes comprises detecting changes using a hierarchical comparison of the electronic content before and after the editing.
9. (Original) A method according to claim 3, wherein said intermediary comprises a proxy.
10. (Currently amended) A method according to claim 3, wherein the intermediary modifies the retrieved content to comprising allowing of at least one of said editing by said intermediary of the content at the local client or the automatically generating of the at least one customization definition.
11. (Currently amended) A method according to claim 10, wherein said modifying of the retrieved content~~allowing~~ comprises marking at least some of said content as editable.
12. (Currently amended) A method according to claim 10, wherein said modifying of the retrieved content~~allowing~~ comprises adding at least one control to said content, ~~to facilitate at least one of editing and customization definition.~~
13. (Currently amended) A method according to claim 10, wherein said modifying of the retrieved content~~allowing~~ comprises adding at least one client side code module to said content, ~~to facilitate at least one of editing and customization definition.~~
14. (Currently amended) A method according to claim 3, wherein automatically generating the at least one customization definition based on said editing comprises said customization definitions~~defining~~ a spatial area to be customized.
15. (Original) A method according to claim 3, comprising overriding at least one automatically generated customization definition by said user.

16. (Original) A method according to claim 3, wherein said editing comprises editing without typing human understandable words.
17. (Original) A method according to claim 3, wherein said editing comprises editing by selection among choices.
18. (Original) A method according to claim 3, comprising manually defining at least one parameter of a customization definition.
19. (Currently amended) A method according to claim 18, wherein said manually defining comprises defining different types of translation for different parts of said content.
20. (Original) A method according to claim 15, wherein said overriding comprises requiring an exact match of an element of said content to a definition, for a customization to be applied.
21. (Original) A method according to claim 15, wherein said overriding comprises allowing a match other than a one-to-one match to a definition, for a customization to be applied.
22. (Original) A method according to claim 3, wherein a customization definition is defined by a context in said content.
23. (Original) A method according to claim 22, wherein said context is an expression defining elements in said content to be part of the context.
24. (Original) A method according to claim 23, wherein said expression is a hierarchical expression.
25. (Original) A method according to claim 23, wherein said expression is an XPath or XPath-like type expression.
26. (Original) A method according to claim 25, wherein said expression is generated automatically.

27. (Original) A method according to claim 26, wherein said expression is generated in response to an editing activity.

28. (Currently amended) A method according to claim 26, wherein said expression is generated in response to a marking by a user.

29. (Original) A method according to claim 22, wherein a context is defined based on a spatial location, during a display of the content, of a label associated with an element to be customized.

30. (Original) A method according to claim 29, wherein an association of a label and an element is identified using a browser-internal script which finds spatial positions of the labels and spatial positions of nearby elements.

31. (Original) A method according to claim 3, wherein said intermediary authorizes said user to perform said editing.

32. (Currently amended) A method according to claim 13, wherein ~~the said intermediary executes an editing program for editing an element of said content, a display of said program being provided to said client an input at least one customization definition is passed from said client-passed to said program~~intermediary.

33-34. (Cancelled)

35. (Currently amended) A method according to claim 134, wherein modifying data provided at a later time comprisesing modifying applying said at least one definition to content requested by a second user.

36. (Currently amended) A method according to claim 35, comprising deciding at least one property of said modifyingapplying based on information associated with a request by said second user.

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37. (Original) A method according to claim 36, wherein said deciding comprises deciding if to apply a customization definition.
38. (Original) A method according to claim 36, wherein said deciding comprises examining a cookie at said second user.
39. (Currently amended) A method according to claim 38, wherein modifying data provided at a later time said content to which said at least one customization definition is applied is comprises modifying dynamic content including at least one element whose content changes over time.
40. (Currently amended) A method according to claim 135, wherein said modifying of content provided at a later time applying comprises determining a context.
41. (Original) A method according to claim 40, wherein determining a context comprises evaluating an XPath or XPath-like expression.
42. (Original) A method according to claim 40, wherein determining a context comprises determining spatial positions of labels associated with an element to be modified based on the customization definitions.
43. (Original) A method of editing content, comprising:
 (a) requesting content from a first location;
 (b) executing an editing application at a second location; and
 (c) carrying out the editing at a third location, using a viewer for viewing said editing application, without installing software at the third location other than said viewer.
44. (Original) A method according to claim 43, wherein said second location comprises an HTTP-intermediary.
45. (Original) A method according to claim 44, wherein said viewer comprises a browser.

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46. (Original) A method according to claim 44, wherein said editing application is automatically executed when a user at said third location attempts to edit an element suitable for editing by said application.

47. (Original) A method according to claim 44, wherein said application is executed in a manner which at least partially protects said HTTP-intermediary from access by said user.

48. (Original) An HTTP intermediary, comprising:

(a) an HTTP connection to a server;

(b) an HTTP connection to a user;

(c) a page modifying module operative to add at least one of code and controls to a page requested by said user from said server, said code or control adapted to facilitate at least one of editing and customization definition.

49. (Original) An intermediary according to claim 48, comprising a page transformer adapted to modify retrieved pages on the fly based on saved customization definitions.

50. (Original) A browser having downloaded thereto at least one client side code, said client side code adapted to at least one of allow editing of content and determine changes due to editing of content.

51. (New) A method according to claim 34, wherein modifying data provided at a later time according to the at least one customization definition comprises modifying by an intermediary.

52. (New) A method according to claim 34, wherein modifying data provided at a later time comprises modifying data provided by the remote server.

53. (New) A method according to claim 34, wherein modifying data provided at a later time comprises modifying data identical to the electronic content whose editing resulted in the customization definition.

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54. (New) A method according to claim 34, wherein modifying data provided at a later time comprises modifying data different from the electronic content whose editing resulted in the customization definition.


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The present application is a U.S. national application of PCT Application PCT/IB2004/003228, filed October 4, 2004.

Claim 1 was amended to better define the invention. Claims 2-3, 5, 10-14, 19, 28, 32, 35-36 and 39-40 were amended to correct various issues of antecedent and clarity. Claims 51-54 were added to better define the invention, and claims 33-34 were cancelled to reduce costs.

Examination of the claims is respectfully awaited.

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